



Ostomy Association of the Houston Area

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We are a volunteer-based organization dedicated to providing education, information, support and advocacy for people who have had or will have intestinal or urinary diversions.

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United Ostomy Associations of America 8th NATIONAL CONFERENCE



August 10–12, 2023

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Visit www.ostomy.org/2023Conference for continued updates.

Ostomy Patients are Not Alone—Unique Gathering Coming to Houston

About 100,000 people have their lives saved or improved by ostomy surgery in the U.S. each year, but many feel alone in their journey. United Ostomy Associations of America (UOAA) is hosting a National Conference on August 10-12, 2023 at the Royal Sonesta Houston Galleria to help change that. People of all ages from around the world will have a rare opportunity to meet, socialize and learn from peers and top medical professionals from Texas and around the United States.

Stigmas about living with an ostomy pouch will be shattered. In a keynote address, former Miss Texas Magen Cherry will share her journey with IBD and ostomy and j-pouch surgery. Educational sessions will address topics such as body image, travel, sexuality, active lifestyle, ostomy tips and more.

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We are a health support group, a non-profit, tax-exempt, organization of volunteers whose purpose is to provide mutual aid and education to persons who have ostomies and to their families. We are a Texas non-profit corporation. Membership fees and donations are tax deductible.

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Attendees will also have the opportunity to connect at social events, learn Texas line dancing, and take morning exercise classes.

Local ostomy nurses are volunteering their time to help patients at a free stoma clinic. A large ostomy product exhibit hall will enable to attendees to ask questions and discover products to improve their quality of life.

“After attending my first UOAA conference, I finally felt like I had come home to the community I had been waiting for my whole life. I’m so grateful for the friends I’ve met and know I will never feel alone again,” says Joanna Burgess-Stocks who is a WOC nurse, an ostomate since childhood, and UOAA’s advocacy chair.

Special sessions are planned for parents/children with an ostomy, young adults, caregivers, IBD patients and anyone who has or will have a colostomy, ileostomy, urostomy, continent diversion or j-pouch. People may receive lifesaving ostomy surgery as a result of cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, diverticulitis, emergency trauma, birth defects and rare disease.

UOAA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes quality of life for people with ostomies and continent diversions through information, support, advocacy and collaboration.

Learn more and register at <https://www.ostomy.org/2023conference/>

[UOAA Conference Media Kit- social graphics, videos and more.](#)

Contact: [Ed Pfueller](#), Communications & Outreach Manager

Ostomy Outpatient Clinics

Memorial Hermann – Greater Heights BY APPOINTMENT

Contact Mary Kinsey, BSN, RN, WOC, WCC, OMS
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AT THE UOAA WEBSITE

<https://www.ostomy.org/news/>

OBTAIN NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP WITH UOAA

<https://www.ostomy.org/membership/>

Donating Ostomy Supplies?

Here are a few options if you would like to donate ostomy supplies. These non-profit organizations are all volunteer run.

Local Community Ostomy Donation Closet 1740 W. 27th St., Suite 234, Houston, Texas, 77008. Open by appointment for donation drop off or pickup Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please call or text Mary Kinsey at 832-581-5874 to arrange access.

Medical Bridges: they collect medical supplies locally. On their website, click the Get Involved link and then the donate supplies link. It provides you with various options. <https://www.medicalbridges.org/>

Friends of Ostomates USA: provides ostomy supplies and educational resources at no cost to ostomates in need around the world. Their warehouse is located in Louisville, KY. A fun fact: Our very own Cindy Barefield, BSN, RN-BC, CWOCN is President of Friends of Ostomates! Please go to their website for details: <https://www.fowusa.org/>

Kindred Box: is dedicated to improving the lives of people with ostomies and they distribute donated ostomy supplies to support the care of uninsured and underinsured ostomates in America struggling with financial hardship. Go to <https://www.kindredbox.org/> and find out what ostomy products they can accept and to learn about their Postage Program which helps with your shipping expenses. The Kindred Box is located in McKinney, Texas.

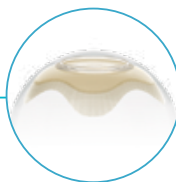
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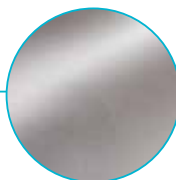
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Central Group

Date: No meeting in August 2023
(typically third Monday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m.)

Place: In-Person Meeting: Tracy Gee Community Center,
3599 Westcenter Drive, Houston, Texas 77042

Contact: Denise Parsons, 713-824-8841 rockynme2@gmail.com

Baytown Group

Date: No meeting in August 2023
(typically second Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m.)

Place: In Person Meeting- Community Resource Credit
Union (CRCU) Community room. CRCU Meeting
Room is located just inside the door of Plaza 2 on the
back side of Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital. Park
behind the hospital (exit off of Baker Rd.)

Contact: Cindy Barefield, BSN, RN-BC, CWOCN,
281-428-3033 cbarefield@houstonmethodist.org

Northwest Group

Date: No meeting in August 2023
(typically third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.)

Place: Virtual Webex Meeting (Information is provided in your
August OAHA newsletter.) and In-Person:
Montgomery County South Regional Library,
2101 Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands, TX, 77380

Contact: Mary Kinsey, BSN, RN, WOC, WCC, OMS
832-581-5874 mkinsey815@gmail.com

North Houston Group

Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: In-Person Meeting
Memorial Hermann Greater Heights Hospital,
Classroom D in the South Tower
1635 N. Loop W, Houston, TX 77008

Contact: Mary Kinsey, BSN, RN, WOC, WCC, OMS
832-581-5874 mkinsey815@gmail.com

Sugar Land Group

Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Virtual Zoom Meeting (Information is provided in your
August OAHA newsletter.)

Program: Know Your Ostomies

Contact: Joan Burnham, MSN, RN, ONN-CG, OCN,
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or Jennifer Cerda, MSN, RN, CWOCN, Nurse
Navigator, 346-901-2012 jcerda@houstonmethodist.org

Woodlands Pediatric Group

Date: No meeting in August 2023
(typically second Sunday of the month, 2:00 p.m.)

Place: Virtual Meeting

Contact: MaryAnne Lewis, BSN, RN, CWOCN 281-948-1490
maryannelewis@hotmail.com

J-Pouch

For J Pouch questions, attend any of our group meetings, or call
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members of your immediate family to our meetings.

Opportunities and Announcements

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As you celebrate the anniversary of your ostomy surgery
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Association of the Houston Area* and sent to the Treasurer at
the address shown below.

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sure to include the name of the person being honored so that
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For Anniversary Gifts, Memorial Donations, Mailing Changes, or Sponsorships, please send all correspondence to:

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(When sending a donation, please include the name of the
person being honored so that appropriate acknowledgement
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www.ostomy.org or 800-826-0826

WOC Nurse Directory

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Ostomy Association of the Houston Area, Attention: Treasurer
P. O. Box 25164, Houston, TX 77265-5164

Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ E-mail: (required) _____

Surgery Date: _____ Birth Date: _____ Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other _____

Reason for surgery ☐ Crohn's ☐ Ulcerative Colitis ☐ Cancer ☐ Birth Defects ☐ Other _____

In addition to English, I also speak the following language(s). Foreign language spoken: _____p

Why do we ask this? We have a patient visiting program and we are occasionally contacted by ostomates who are not fluent in English and we look to our membership to assist with communication.

Procedure or Relationship:

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Check all that apply.

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☐ I would like to attend meetings with the (please circle one):

Central Group Baytown Group Northwest Group North Houston Group Sugar Land Group Woodlands Pediatric Group

☐ I would like to become a member but cannot pay dues at this time. (This will be kept confidential.)

I learned about the Ostomy Association from

☐ WOC Nurse ☐ Physician ☐ Newsletter ☐ Surgical Shop ☐ Website ☐ Other: _____

I am interested in volunteering. ☐ Yes ☐ No

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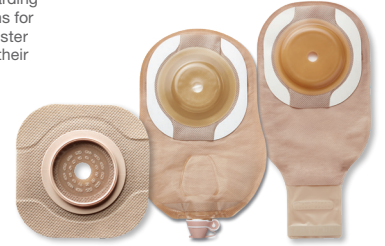
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